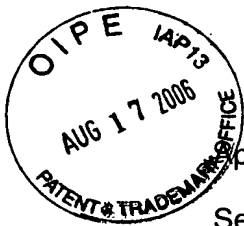


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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 19, 2006, setting a short statutory period for reply to expire August 19, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.